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FOLLOWING REPEAT TEHRAN 6158 ACTION SECSTATE INFO BAGHDAD
KUWAIT JIDDA MUSCAT JUL 12.
QUOTE S E C R E T TEHRAN 6158

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SUBJ: IRAN-IRAQ TALKS

1. DURING AUDIENCE WITH SHAH ON OTHER MATTERS JULY 12, I ASKED
HOW RECENTLY CONCLUDED IRAN-IRAQ TALKS HAD GONE. SHAH SAID
IRAQI DELEGATION HAD BEEN EXTREMELY POLITE AND HAD EXPRESSED
ALL RIGHT VOWS OF FRIENDSHIP.

2. ONLY SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT, IN HIS JUDGMENT, WAS IRAQ
REQUEST THAT IRAN REFRAIN FROM CONCLUDING ANY AGREEMENTS ON
LIMITS OF OFFSHORE EXPLORATION AREAS WITH OTHER STATES IN
PERSIAN GULF. SHAH ASSUMED THIS REQUEST WAS SPECIFICALLY
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DIRECTED TOWARDS IRANIAN RELATIONS WITH KUWAIT.

3. HE SAID HIS ASSUMPTION WAS CONFIRMED BY TALK HE HAD
WITH KUWAIT AMBASSADOR JULY 11. (AMBASSADOR RETURNED
JULY 9 FROM QUICK CONSULTATIONS IN KUWAIT.) AMBASSADOR
HAD TOLD SHAH THAT REPORTS OF IRAQ-KUWAIT BORDER AGREEMENT
WERE ALL FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. IN ACTUAL PRACTICE,

NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN MADE.

4. INSTEAD, KUWAITI REPORTED THAT IRAQIS HAD SPENT MOST OF THEIR TIME IN LECTURING KUWAITIS ON VIRTUES OF BA'ATH AND THE GOAL OF ARAB UNITY. (THIS IS, NATURALLY, ANATHEMA TO SHAH.)

5. SINCE HE WAS DISCUSSING MARITIME BOUNDARIES IN PERSIAN GULF, I ASKED SHAH ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE OF RECENT OMANI DECLARATION OF 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE. SHAH SAID THAT WAS STRICTLY FOR OMANI INTEREST "OUTSIDE THE GULF". WITHIN THE GULF, HE HAD AN AGREEMENT WITH OMAN THAT THEIR WATERS WOULD BE DIVIDED AT MIDPOINT.

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